

SALT LAKE COUNTY
Council of Governments (COG)

Thursday, May 23, 2019, 11:30 am

Salt Lake County Government Center – 2001 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

MINUTES (unapproved)

Chairman Silvestrini called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm and welcomed COG Members and participating officials.

1. Minutes approval, January 24, 2019

No minutes to approve.

2. TransCom COG Appointment

Andrew Gruber

Mr. Gruber provided a brief background on TransCom and explained that Mayor Wilson stepped out from her role at TransCom when she became Salt Lake County Mayor. Council Member Granato has expressed interest in taking the position. Council Members motioned appointing Council Member Granato, and seconded; Council vote passed the motion unanimously.

3. Solid Waste Management Council Appointment

Mike Reberg

Mr. Reberg provided a brief background on the Solid Waste Management Council. He explained that West Valley has been in the appointed position for over 20 years and can no longer participate because they have recently ended their contract with Solid Waste. The 5-person Council meets monthly, on Wednesday afternoons, to oversee policy and budgetary operations of the Salt Lake County Landfill. They are requested for a new member to be appointed by COG. Council Member Wilson motioned for Council Member Smolka, who represents Emigration Township. Council Member Luke seconded; Council vote passed the motion unanimously.

4. Transportation Funding Update

Helen Peters

Ms. Peters Explained that the Local Option Sales Tax of 1.5 (SB 136) in 2018, explained that the County was receiving 0.25% in the past and that the distribution will change with Cities/Unincorporated Areas receiving 0.10% and the County receiving 0.05%. The redistribution begins July 2019, and by September most Cities and Unincorporated Areas should be seeing their funds. Wasatch Front Regional Council has prepared an estimate of what each City should be receiving. She reminded everyone that funds should be used for transportation purposes.

Chairman Silvestrini asked if there are any reporting requirements when spending the funds.

Ms. Peters said she didn't think so but will check. She added that when receiving money from the County, they would need to document how funds are being spent for auditing purposes.

Mr. Gruber made a comment letting everyone know that the numbers are estimates and the final numbers will be subject to review by the Tax Commission. He added that the figures were emailed to all Mayors and City Managers.

Council Member Peterson inquired if there is a time from on announcing how the County's 0.05% will be distributed.

Ms. Peters explained that they have not met with Mayor Wilson to review the process, a communication will be sent in the future.

Ms. Peters added that a new Bikeways map has been created in collaboration with UDOT, The U of U, UTA, and Salt Lake City Corp., and that they are currently being distributed to the Cities.

Mr. Bert Jensen inquired why UTA's 10% and the City's %10 are different.

Mr. Gruber explained that the structure of SB 136 set the portion going to UTA is a true 0.10%, whereas the City portions are distributed according to a formula similar to the way municipal sales taxes are distributed in the State.

5. The 2020 Census

Ze Xiao and Marti

Ms. Xiao explained the importance of the 2020 Census and the County's plan to ensure an accurate count in the upcoming year. The first thing they are doing is updating addresses. Second is coordinating local, state, and national outreach efforts. Third, they are working on complete count committees to help determine the needs, obstacles, and solutions to get everyone counted. Fourth is providing information and community engagement for local participation.

Council Member Wilson noted that California put \$100 million into their census efforts while Utah didn't even fund it, she thanked Ms. Xiao and her team and encouraged all municipalities to participate and do whatever they can to assist the County in getting their counts. She added that as budgets are being reviewed this year, the County will consider ways to better support Ms. Xiao's efforts in ensuring a successful 2020 Census. Council Member Luke stated that the City put funds aside last year and added that he agreed with Mayor Wilson.

6. Moderate Income Housing Plans

Cameron Diehl and Rachel Otto

Ms. Otto provided a summary of the new requirements for modern income housing plans (SB 34). She explained what cities are doing to plan for growth, and that Utah is experiencing 2.2% growth compared to 0.8% in the rest of the country. The modern income housing plan has two goals; (1) to facilitate a variety of housing types for different income levels, and (2) planning for transportation needs in correlation to housing and job growth.

Ms. Otto explained that in 2018 the housing plan was updated to require the modern income housing plan as part of the general plan for our 82 Cities. The new plan will need to be incorporated by December 1, 2019. She added that in 2019, the plan was further updated to state that cities should incorporate 3 or more strategies listed in the menu section of their handout.

Chairman Silvestrini asked how the DWS plans to evaluate progress in the reports.

Ms. Otto said this is not an evaluation to determine how well you are doing, rather they are looking to see if you are planning, if you have chosen the menu items, and that you are trying to make progress on your goals.

Council Member Burton asked Ms. Otto what regulations are in place that are making these processes more difficult.

Ms. Otto explained that there are many complaints, but the ones they typically hear are that permitting, planning, and inspections take too long and that the fees are too high.

7. Upcoming Legislative Issues

Cameron Diehl

Ms. Otto noted that the Political Subdivisions Committee will be looking at rural issues in June and will discuss different challenges that come with growth in rural areas, and in August the Committee will do a similar discussion with urban communities.

Ms. Otto said that the Land Use Task Force has formed several smaller groups to deal with building inspection, storm water requests, and gravel pit operations.

Ms. Otto added that the Government Office Taskforce Committee has also requested a discussion about GRAMA and vexatious requestors, it is a state-wide issue right now and they are working on proposing solutions for the June meeting.

Mr. Wayne Bradshaw explained that they realized that most municipalities do not understand legislative funding practices, in response they are preparing Funding 101 document. As the Tax Task Force discusses the ripple effect and the 1%, municipalities can better understand what is being discussed. As soon as the document is ready it will be sent out.

Mr. Bradshaw explained that they are actively working on Economic Development and that legislators have expressed wanting to align with local practices. They will be gathering a small working group to come up with policies to discuss with the legislature during next session. Mr. Bradshaw added, if you have staff that would like to be on the small working group or would like the documents that come from the small working groups please let him know.

Mr. Bradshaw explained that there will be a release of regional conservation goals, as part of the Governor's goal to conserve water they will be releasing the conservation goals and requesting public comment.

8. Other Business

Chairman Silvestrini asked for any new business. As there was none, he motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Riding seconded the motion and it passed.

Next meeting: Aug. 22, 2019

COG Members Present

Chair Jeff Silvestrini – Millcreek

Kristin Nicholl – Sandy City

Vice Chair Kristie Steadman-Overson –
Taylorsville
Dirk Burton (alternate) – West Jordan
Robert Hale – Midvale
Robert Dahle – Holladay
Paulina Flint – White City Township
Robert Hale – Midvale
Clint Smith – Herriman
Charlie Luke – Salt Lake City
Derk Timothy – Bluffdale
Sean Clayton – Copperton Township

Dan Peay – Magna Township
Harris Sondak – Alta
Mike Peterson – Cottonwood Heights
Dawn Ramsey – South Jordan
Karen Lang – West Valley City
Joe Smolka – Emigration Township
Troy Walker – Draper
Jenny Wilson – Salt Lake County
Jackie Biskupski – Salt Lake City
Ann Granato – Salt Lake County
Jim Riding – West Jordan

Other Attendees and Participants

Wilf Sommerkorn
Wayne Bradshaw
Andrew Gruber
Catherine Kanter
Carlton Christensen
Cameron Deihl
Xe Xiao
Erin Litvak
Jared Stewart

Rachel Otto
Helen Peters
Galina Urry
Mike Reberg
Sam Klemm
Mike Gallegos
Erika Fihaki
Val John
Halford